

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-18, and 21-40 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 1, 4-5, 18, 21, and 23 are amended; claims 25-40 are added; and claims 3 and 19-20 are canceled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

I. Formal Matters

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 12-17 are allowed.

Claims 3-5, 8-10, and 20-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 3, 8, 20, and 23 in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining pending claims of the present invention are also allowable for at least the reasons given below.

II. Prior Art Rejections

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) Over Boss

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,157,618 to Boss et al. (hereinafter "Boss"). As noted above, claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, claim 1, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the claim 1 and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 3. The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 3 is directed to allowable subject matter because Boss fails to teach a method for setting a correct time comprising the steps of in response to a clock set trigger, attaching a status report request to an SMS message and

transmitting the short message to initiate the transmission of the status report. Therefore, claim 1 as amended is allowable over Boss.

For at least these reasons, claims 1 as amended is allowable over Boss. Since claim 2 depends from claim 1 and recites additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that Boss does not anticipate Applicants' claimed invention as embodied in claim 2 for at least these reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) Over Ishikawa

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Publication No. 2003/0017855 to Ishikawa et al. (hereinafter "Ishikawa"). As noted above, claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, claim 18, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 18 to incorporate the recitations of claims 19 and 20. The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 20 is directed to allowable subject matter because Ishikawa fails to teach or suggest a cellular telephone wherein the status report comprises a world time, and wherein a device time difference is set equal to a time difference between the world time and a current device time. Thus, claim 18 as amended is allowable over Ishikawa.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over Boss In View Of Stille

Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boss in view of United States Patent No. 5,878,397 to Stille et al. (hereinafter "Stille"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, claim 1, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the claim 1 and any intervening claims. Since claims 6-7 depend from claim 1, which has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 3, and recite additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that the combined teaching of

Boss and Stille cannot make obvious claims 6-7. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over Boss In View Of Ishikawa

Claims 11 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boss in view of Ishikawa. Claim 19 has been canceled. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

For at least the reasons stated above, claims 1 as amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 3 is allowable over the cited prior art. Since claim 11 depends from amended claim 1 and recites additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that the combined teaching of Boss and Ishikawa cannot make obvious claim 11. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. New Claims 25-40

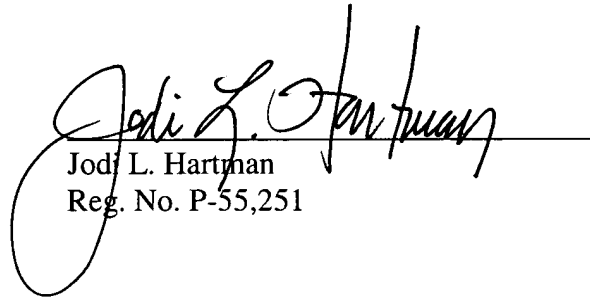
New claims 25-40 are directed to further embodiments of Applicants' claimed invention. New independent claim 25 incorporates the limitations of independent claim 1, prior to amendment, and dependent claim 8. As discussed above, claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, new claim 25 is allowable over the cited prior art. New independent claim 35 incorporates the limitations of claim 18, prior to amendment, and dependent claim 23. Again, as discussed above, claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, new claim 35 is allowable over the cited prior art. New dependent claims 26-34 recite features similar to those recited by dependent claims 2-7 and 9-11. New dependent claims 36-40 recite features similar to those recited by dependent claims 19-22 and 24.

CONCLUSION

For at least these reasons, Applicants assert that the pending claims 1-2, 4-18, and 21-40 are in condition for allowance. Applicants further assert that this response addresses each and every point of the Office Action, and respectfully requests that the Examiner pass this application with claims 1-2, 4-18, and 21-40 to allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at 404.954.5042.

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